

The Fund For New Jersey Update

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Fund News

After more than a decade of leadership at The Fund for New Jersey, Kiki Jamieson will step down as president later this year. Kiki will continue to serve as senior advisor through the end of 2023. “I am deeply committed to our shared priorities and will continue to work energetically to support The Fund and its partners to create a strong pathway for its next president,” Kiki said. Read the full announcement [here](#).

The Fund has begun a search for its next president, and we are excited to attract a talented and diverse pool of candidates. [The position description is here](#). Please help us circulate it widely or consider applying yourself. If you have questions about the role or would like to share a referral, please email ereedy@koyapartners.com and soneill@koyapartners.com. All inquiries will be considered strictly confidential.

Policy Updates

- The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions celebrates the adoption of long-awaited Inland Flood Protection Rule designed to keep new buildings above the higher floodwaters expected with climate change. It requires the use of updated precipitation projections when calculating flood elevations and that DEP building permits for flood zone areas conform to construction codes and federal flood-insurance requirements. Earlier in the year, New Jersey Future (NJF) released a comment about the rule on their website, stating “While we are in strong support of the rule proposal, we have closely reviewed the proposed language to better understand if the outcomes of its implementation will be equitable and will result in implementation of resilient, nature-based solutions.” Read full news [here](#) and NJF full comment [here](#).
- Environment New Jersey gathered with other advocates, educators, and legislators to support the jumpstart of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Electric School Bus Program. Three years’ worth of funding has been included in the New Jersey 2024 budget. The pilot program is expected to help determine the most economical and practical way to transition all of New Jersey’s diesel school bus fleet to electric vehicles over the next decade. Environmental justice advocates praised the focus on communities already suffering from heavy pollution. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Policy Reports

- The United States has a mass incarceration crisis, and the nation continues to incarcerate people at a higher rate than any other country. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of



New Jersey released their report: *Decarcerating New Jersey: A Transformative Vision of Justice*, highlighting the injustices within New Jersey’s carceral system—which includes the nation’s highest rate of racial disparity. Explore why ACLU has recognized decarceration to be fundamental to racial justice; read the full report [here](#).

- Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) released *Newark Kids Count 2023: A City Profile of Child Well-Being*. The annual report provides the latest data on how children are faring in New Jersey’s largest city, highlighting the city’s strengths and areas for improvement. ACNJ encourages Newark leaders and residents to contact the organization to hold community conversations to discuss the data. Explore the data within the report [here](#).

Tools

- The W.K. Kellogg Foundation launched the Strategic Communication Planning Hub. Visitors to the hub can create communication strategies tailored to their organizations’ needs and engage in a wide range of online learning, such as content writing, digital strategies and tactics, message development and more. The hub is free, user-friendly, and accessible to everyone, including seasoned full-time communicators and staff trying to add communication to already full plates. Learn more [here](#).

Job Announcements

- [The Fund for New Jersey: President](#)
- [New Jersey Future: Multiple Positions](#)
- [Environment NJ: New Jersey Clean Energy Advocate](#)
- [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice: Director - Democracy and Justice Program](#)

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